

July 17th, 2008

Letter to the Editor:

RE: CITY COUNCIL VOTES ON INDOOR WATER PARK

City Council, on July 16th passed a motion to take \$7 million from the citizens of Winnipeg and enter into a business arrangement with CanAd Inns Polo Park to fund the construction of a water park. This is a poor deal for Winnipeggers, as we will continue to pay for the use of the park while we lose our existing local water facilities.

First. If it costs \$25 or \$30 to get into the park, and even if there is a \$10 discount, it will still cost \$20 per person to use the facility. Who can afford that?

Second. We have about 100 outdoor pools and wading pools in our city that need infrastructure repair or renewal. Most certainly these pools could have benefited from \$7 million. Many of these pools are located in parts of the city where low income families live and work. These pools are very affordable for all to enjoy, paid for by the taxes of citizens of our city, and should be supported.

City Council should have done the right thing and built on what we have, instead of building one new facility that will not serve the community.

Sincerely,



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